

## HATCHERISM.

Within the past fortnight we have learned a little more concerning the alleged pro-German tendencies of one J. W. Hatcher, of Morehead. From good authority we get the information that when a number of young men, who were attending the school of which he is principal, signified their intentions of enlisting in the army or navy of the United States, J. Wesley used every bit of persuasive eloquence at his command in an endeavor to deter them. Perhaps some were deterred but others went on and enlisted, and after they had done so the remarks made about them by their former preceptor were by no means complimentary.

It is further alleged that when the Food Administrator of Rowan county asked Dr. F. M. Thomas, who conducts the dormitory in connection with the Morehead school, to use wheat substitutes, he was referred to Hatcher with the explanations that he (Dr. Tuomas) had no control of what should be used on the dormitory tables. Mr. Yout, the Food Administrator, sought out Hatcher and took the matter up with him. But the conservation idea did not appeal to the blonde person. He interposed strenuous objection to the use of substitutes, and finally dismissed the matter by saying that he would take it up with the student body and get their opinion on the conservation question. This is the first time we ever heard of the students boarding at a dormitory having any "say so" on the question of how the table should be furnished. Hats off to Hatcher for Hatching the idea.

It is said that when Hatcher's pro-Germanism was first suspected his defenders raised the cry of "prejudice," "jealousy" and "persecution." They accused the members of the Baptist church of trying to discredit him in the eyes of the people. But that now the members of his own church are getting their eyes open and are able to take the true measure of the man.

Doubtless the good people of Morehead once thought they had an asset in the person of J. Wesley Hatcher. If it turns out that they have acquired a liability instead they will do well to insist that a true balance be struck without delay.